CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

DEFENDANTS

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)
NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

(c) Attorneys *(Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)*

Attorneys *(If Known)*

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*

❏ 1 U.S. Government
Plaintiff

❏ 3 Federal Question
(U.S. Government Not a Party)

❏ 2 U.S. Government
Defendant

❏ 4 Diversity
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES *(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff*
(For Diversity Cases Only) *and One Box for Defendant)*

	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	❏ 1	❏ 1	Incorporated *or* Principal Place of Business In This State	❏ 4	❏ 4
Citizen of Another State	❏ 2	❏ 2	Incorporated *and* Principal Place of Business In Another State	❏ 5	❏ 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	❏ 3	❏ 3	Foreign Nation	❏ 6	❏ 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*

CONTRACT	TORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
❏ 110 Insurance	**PERSONAL INJURY**	**PERSONAL INJURY**	❏ 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	❏ 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	❏ 375 False Claims Act
❏ 120 Marine	❏ 310 Airplane	❏ 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability	❏ 690 Other	❏ 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	❏ 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))
❏ 130 Miller Act	❏ 315 Airplane Product Liability	❏ 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical			❏ 400 State Reapportionment
❏ 140 Negotiable Instrument	❏ 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	Personal Injury Product Liability		**PROPERTY RIGHTS**	❏ 410 Antitrust
❏ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	❏ 330 Federal Employers' Liability	❏ 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product		❏ 820 Copyrights	❏ 430 Banks and Banking
❏ 151 Medicare Act	❏ 340 Marine	Liability		❏ 830 Patent	❏ 450 Commerce
❏ 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)	❏ 345 Marine Product Liability	**PERSONAL PROPERTY**		❏ 840 Trademark	❏ 460 Deportation
❏ 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	❏ 350 Motor Vehicle	❏ 370 Other Fraud	**LABOR**	**SOCIAL SECURITY**	❏ 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
❏ 160 Stockholders' Suits	❏ 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	❏ 371 Truth in Lending	❏ 710 Fair Labor Standards Act	❏ 861 HIA (1395ff)	❏ 480 Consumer Credit
❏ 190 Other Contract	❏ 360 Other Personal Injury	❏ 380 Other Personal Property Damage	❏ 720 Labor/Management Relations	❏ 862 Black Lung (923)	❏ 490 Cable/Sat TV
❏ 195 Contract Product Liability	❏ 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	❏ 385 Property Damage Product Liability	❏ 740 Railway Labor Act	❏ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	❏ 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange
❏ 196 Franchise			❏ 751 Family and Medical Leave Act	❏ 864 SSID Title XVI	❏ 890 Other Statutory Actions
			❏ 790 Other Labor Litigation	❏ 865 RSI (405(g))	❏ 891 Agricultural Acts
REAL PROPERTY	**CIVIL RIGHTS**	**PRISONER PETITIONS**	❏ 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act	**FEDERAL TAX SUITS**	❏ 893 Environmental Matters
❏ 210 Land Condemnation	❏ 440 Other Civil Rights	**Habeas Corpus:**		❏ 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)	❏ 895 Freedom of Information Act
❏ 220 Foreclosure	❏ 441 Voting	❏ 463 Alien Detainee		❏ 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	❏ 896 Arbitration
❏ 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	❏ 442 Employment	❏ 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence			❏ 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision
❏ 240 Torts to Land	❏ 443 Housing/ Accommodations	❏ 530 General			❏ 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
❏ 245 Tort Product Liability	❏ 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment	❏ 535 Death Penalty	**IMMIGRATION**		
❏ 290 All Other Real Property	❏ 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other	**Other:**	❏ 462 Naturalization Application		
	❏ 448 Education	❏ 540 Mandamus & Other	❏ 465 Other Immigration Actions		
		❏ 550 Civil Rights			
		❏ 555 Prison Condition			
		❏ 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

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V. ORIGIN *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*

❏ 1 Original
Proceeding

❏ 2 Removed from
State Court

❏ 3 Remanded from
Appellate Court

❏ 4 Reinstated or
Reopened

❏ 5 Transferred from
Another District
(specify)

❏ 6 Multidistrict
Litigation

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing *(Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity)*:

Brief description of cause:

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

❏ CHECK IF THIS IS A **CLASS ACTION**
UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND $

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: ❏ Yes ❏ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT # _____ AMOUNT _____ APPLYING IFP _____ JUDGE _____ MAG. JUDGE _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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I.(a)   **Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

  (b)   **County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

  (c)   **Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II.   **Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked**. (See Section III below; NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)**

III.   **Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV.   **Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

V.   **Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the six boxes.
Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

VI.   **Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VII.   **Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII.   **Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.